Import of Fertilizers

*387. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total quantity of urea and other fertilizers imported to so far during 1994-95 as compared to the years 1992-93 and 1993-94;

(b) what procedure was followed in this regard in awarding contracts to parties for export/import indicating names of those parties, terms and conditions laid down therefor, rate etc. agreed to; and

(c) whether all the concerned parties fulfilled the commitments and if not, what are the names of the defaulting companies and action, if any, taken so far against each party/company?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Details of major fertilizers imported by India are given below:

Qty. lakh tonnes

	Urea	MOP	DAP
1992-93	18.57	17.61	15.57
1993-94	28.40	14.28	15.69
1994-95 (Apr-June)	1.97	3.85	1.32

(b) Out of the major fertilizers the import of urea is canalised through MMTC. Purchase of urea is done by MMTC in accordance with its commercial operation. MMTC have intimated that as per the established procedures, fertilizers are imported through global tenders/telex enquiries and the offers are considered by Sale Purchase Committee of Board of Directors. DAP and MOP are decanalised and decontrolled fertilizers which are imported freely.

MMTC mainly imports urea from CIS, Germany and Middle-East countries like Qatar, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Bahrain, Kuwait.

(c) The following three parties have defaulted in performance of commitments and their Bid Bonds/Performance guarantees have been invoked by MMTC.

(1) M/s. Qingdao Chemicals, Medicines and Health Products Import/ Export Corporation, China, during the year 1992-93.

(2) M/s. Quadros International, Hong Kong, during the year 1993-94.

(3) M/s. Ligna Ltd. Praha, (Czech Republic) during the year 1994-95.

Re-orienting the Planning Process

*388. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to re-orient the planning process;

(b) whether any scheme has been formulated by the Planning Commission in the matter; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) The Eighth Five Year Plan proposes an increase in share of private sector investment in some of the key sectors of the economy, a very selective role of public sector in coverage of activities and a shift in allocation of Government expenditure in favour of Social Sectors.

Quantum of exports by STC

*389. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total export of STC, commodity-wise, with value during 1992-93 and 1993-94;

(b) what is the total import of canalised items by STC during 1992-93 and 1993-94 and the value thereof;

(c) whether in view of the liberalised